

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. The claims have been labeled with status identifiers.

Claims 8-17 have been cancelled. The remaining claims 1-7 and 18-22 remain unchanged.

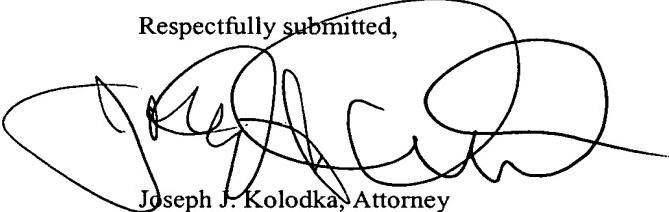
Claims 1 and 18 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bell et al. (6,405,027) in view of Van Ryzin (6,127,941). The applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's view that the Van Ryzin disclosure of a multimedia remote control device with a graphical display suggests the claimed "...cordless telephone unit having a user interface for conveying information to an end-user". Van Ryzin is directed to multimedia remotes where the communication expectation is passive in the sense that remote devices are controlled. This is quite different from the claimed invention where the user interface is for a cordless handset communicating over its base station with a user at a wireless remote device. Van Ryzin would itself have to be modified to modify Bell as the Examiner suggests. A modification of a secondary reference in order to sufficiently modify a primary reference is in of itself evidence of unobviousness. Van Ryzin, directed to a multimedia remote control device for TV/DVD/VCR entertainment setup cannot directly teach modification of a cordless telephone handset with the claimed user interface.

The argument with respect to claims 1 and 18 against combining Bell and Van Ryzin as proposed by the Examiner apply to support of patentability of the dependent claims

Accordingly, withdrawal of these objections and rejections is respectfully urged.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested as it is believed that all outstanding issues have been addressed and the application is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or other matters whose resolution may be advanced by a telephone call, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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